no specific allusion to the Ohio matter, and shall at this time make none, in spite of its significance, and in spite of the further fact that Governor Haskell's close relations with the Standard Oli Interests while he was in Ohio was a matter of common notoricty.

"In Oklahoma it is a matter of court record it appeared that the Attornoy-General of the State, elected by the people, obtained an injunction to provent the Prairie Oli and Gas Company from building a pipe line, and that Governor Haskell found this out while he was at Denver, as appears by the representations for the dissolution of the injunction made in his name on behalf of the State before a court of superior jurisdiction to that which had issued the injunction.

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"In this the Governor states that the acting Governor, in his absence, had asked that the hearing be-postponed until he, the Governor, might return and have an opportunity postponed until he, the Governor, might returnand have an opportunity to investigate the controversy. The Governor sets forth in his petition that he is the sole authority to determine such matters, and that the Attorney-General and the judge of the lower court had no right in the matter, and that the action of the judge of the lower court represented an encroachment by the judiciary. The Attorney-General opposed the dissolution of the injunction, stating that the Prairie Oil and Gas Company was a foreign corporation, which had not accepted the provisions of the Constitution applicable to such corporations, and that without authority of law, it was employing a great force of men and teams to dig up, across and into various highways of the State for the purpose of laying pipe lines. The Governor prevailed, the injunction was suspended, and the pipe line was permitted to continue its work, to use the words of the Attorney-General, 'without any color of law.' I call your attention to the fact that the question is not whether or not the judge erred, or whether the injunction was proper.

"The point is that the Governor was aiert to take out of the hands of the Attorney-General what the Attorney-General felt was his sworn duty to prevent—an alleged Instance of the breaking of the laws by this particular great corporation.

"As far as I have seen, Governor to investigate the controversy,

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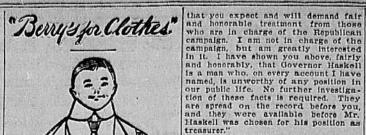
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"As far as I have seen, Governor Haskell has not even attempted anything which can be called a defense of this action of his. It thus appears that his action was as inexcusable as it was wanton, except on the theory that in defiance of the Attorney-General of the State and at all hazafds, he intended for some reasons of his own to protect the interests of a great corporation against the law. It has been suggested on his behalf that, after all, he did not favor the Standard Oil Company, but merely the Prairie Oil and Gas Company. This claim is disposed of by the testimony of the Standard Oil Company. This claim is disposed of by the testimony of the Standard Oil Company itself, taken in the latter part of 1907, in the suit now pending before the United States court at St. Louis against The Standard Oil Company, upon being required by the government to put in a list of all the companies in which it held stock or in which its subsidiary companies held stock, reported among the others, the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, total capital \$10,000,000, of which the National Transit Company had a capital stock of \$25,455,260, of which the Standard Oil Company had a capital stock of \$25,455,260, of which the Standard Oil Company owned \$25,455,550. In other words, this

Standard Oil Company owned \$25,-51,650. In other words, this Prairie Oil and Gas Company was Prairie Oil and Gas Company was owned, all except \$500, by the Na-tional Transit Company, and this National Transit Company was owned, all except about \$3,550, by the Standard Oil Company.

Contrasted With Taft's Aedion.

"Now contrast your action in this ase of Governor Haskell with Mr. aft's action as regards Senator oraker, as set forth in his letter eat corporate interests, and there-ire hostile to the policies for hich this administration has stood. which this administration has stood.
"There was no such convincing proof against Senator Foraker at that time, however, as there was against Governor Haskell, when, as you say, he was with your approval made treasurer of your campaign committee. But Mr. Taft refused to be a party to the renomination. committee. But Mr. Taft refused fo be a party to the renomination of Senator Forsker, even though it was represented that only thus could be advance his own interests, showing by actual deeds that his words were true when he said: 'I do not care for the presidency if it has to come by compromise with any one on a matter of principle. With a hundred fold clearer evidence before you as to the connection of Governor Haskell with the Standard Oil Company than Mr. Taft then had as to the connection



treasurer."
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

TAFT GOES AFTER BRYAN

was compiled with and a large crowd turned out.

"Go after Bryan and give him Hail Columbia," was the admonition from the audience, and, taking the cue, Mr. Taft "went after Bryan." The labor record of his opponent, he said, began when Bryan helped enact the Wilson and Gorman tariff bill, which brought greater disaster to the laboring men of the country than had happened in half a century.

"Has he fired Haskell yet?" came a query from the crowd. A general laugh followed.

"Mr. Taft expressed his satisfaction at



man of the committee to write the platform on which you stand, put him in as treasurer of your campaign committee.

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"Let me add that Governor Haskell's utter unritiness for any public position of trust or for association with any man anxious to make an appeal on a moral issue to the American people has been abundantly shown, wholly irrespective of this action of his in connection with the Standard Oil interests.

"As an American citizen who prizes his Americanism and his citizenship far above any question of partisanship, I regard it as a scandal and a disgrace that Governor Haskell should be connected with the management of any national campaign. I have not the space in this letter to discuss Governor Haskell's conduct, for instance, in vetoing the child labor bill, or the fact that his name appears as one of the defendants in various suits brought by the government to prevent the Creek Indians from having certain of their lands fraudulently taken, or his connection, with various other matters of the kind; but let me call your attention to his conduct in prostituting to base purposes the State University, as set forth in an article in The Outlook, of September 5th last, under the heading, "Shall the People Rule—In Oklahoma?" In this article you will see that Governor Haskell was given full opportunity to make every explanation and that he given full opportunity to make every explanation, and that he made none. After setting forth the facts as to Governor Haskell's conduct, The Outlook article concludes as follows:

as follows:

"On this state of affairs, we have two comments to make and two questions to ask.

"The people of Oklahoma are taxed to support their educational institutions, from the primary school to the university. They pay their money to have their children educated. When the politicians use this money to promote the interests of a political machine or a church sect, they are guilty of a breach of trust. What do the taxpayers of Oklahoma think of the use which their public servants are making of the public funds? What do they think about this financial do they think about this financial policy—the taking of the money due their sons and daughters, and diverting it for the benefits of

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